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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

October Term, 1984

EDWARD M. ZOLLA,

Petitioner,

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX TO
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES
COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF) CASE NO. CV 79-4309 AMERICA.) MRP Plaintiff, FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS VS. OF LAW EDWARD M. ZOLLA, Defendant.

The motion of plaintiff, the United States of America, for summary judgment came on regularly for hearing before the Honorable Mariana R. Pfaelzer on February 9, 1981. The Court, having read the papers filed and considered the oral arguments presented, issues the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.



FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Plaintiff, the United States of
 America, filed this suit to recover unpaid
 federal income taxes, interest, and penalties
 for the 1968, 1969, 1974, and 1975 taxable
 years of defendant, Edward M. Zolla. On
 September 11, 1980, partial summary judgment
 was granted in favor of the plaintiff as to
 defendant's 1974 and 1975 taxable years.
 Plaintiff's motion as to defendant's 1968
 and 1969 taxable years was denied, without
 prejudice. Plaintiff has now renewed its
 motion for summary judgment for defendant's
 1968 and 1969 income taxes.
- 2. Defendant did not file a federal income tax return and did not make estimated tax payments for the calendar year 1968.
- 3. On December 10, 1973, a delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury made an assessment against the defendant for unpaid



1968 federal income taxes, interest, and penalties in the amount of \$30,815.62. The assessment resulted from an examination of the defendant's 1968 taxable year by the Office of the District Director of Internal Revenue, Los Angeles.

4. The December 10, 1973 assessment consisted of the following:

Unpaid 1968 income taxes \$19,740.00

5,509.62

Interest

Penalty imposed for failure

to file a timely federal

income tax return 4,935.00

Penalty imposed for failure

to pay estimated taxes 631.00

Total Assessment \$30,815.62

5. Prior to making the December 10, 1973 assessment, a Statutory Notice of Deficiency was sent by certified mail to the defendant on June 11, 1973 at 902 North Bedford Drive,



Beverly Hills, California.

- 6. On December 10, 1973, notice and demand for payment of the assessment were made upon the defendant.
- 7. On January 10, 1978, a credit of \$33.93 was applied against the December 10, 1973 assessment.
- 8. The defendant has failed to pay the \$30,781.69 unpaid balance of his 1968 federal income tax liability plus accrued interest and penalties.
- 9. On June 26, 1970, the defendant and his wife, Betty Zolla, filed an untimely joint federal income tax return for their 1969 calendar year. The return reported a tax of \$1,201.00
- 10. A credit for federal income tax withheld of \$655.20 was claimed on the return and allowed, resulting in a balance due of \$545.80. The balance was subsequently paid together with assessed penalties plus interest



for failure to file the return and to pay the balance due in a timely fashion.

- of the Secretary of the Treasury made an assessment against the defendant for unpaid 1969 federal income taxes, interest, and penalties totalling \$44,902.50. The assessment resulted from an examination of the defendant's 1969 taxable year by the Office of the District Director of Internal Revenue, Los Angeles.
- 12. The November 12, 1973 assessment consisted of the following:

Unpaid 1969 income taxes \$32,905.00

Interest 7,061.50

Penalty imposed for failure

to file a timely federal

income tax return 4,936.00

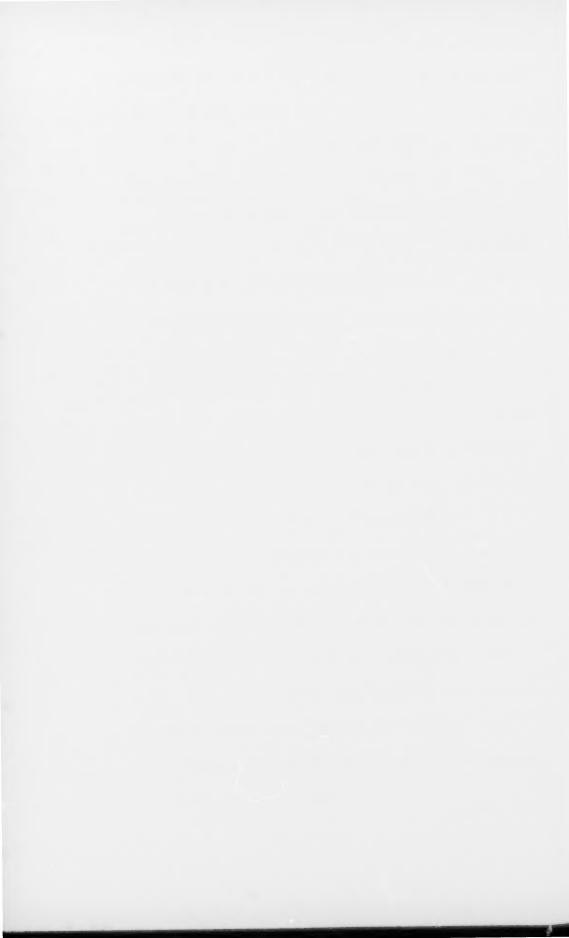
Total assessment \$44,902.50

13. Prior to making the November 12, 1979 assessment, a Statutory Notice of Deficiency



was sent by certified mail to the defendant on June 11, 1973 at 902 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

- 14. On November 12, 1973, notice and demand for payment were made upon the defendant.
- 15. On December 19, 1978, a payment of \$23.42 was applied against the November 12, 1973 assessment.
- 16. The defendant has failed to pay the unpaid balance of \$44,879.08 on his 1969 federal income tax liability, plus accrued interest and penalties.
- 17. Defendant filed his 1970 federal income tax return on October 27, 1971 and recorded his address on it as 902 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California.
- 18. Defendant did not file a federal income tax return for 1971.
- 19. Defendant filed his 1972 federal income tax return in 1974 and listed his



address as 349 South Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

- 20. On July 25, 1972, defendant was visited by tax liability Revenue Officer
 Leslie at 303 North La Peer Drive, Beverly
 Hills. The point of Officer Leslie's visit was to try to collect delinquent employment taxes.
- 21. To the extent that any Conclusions of Law are deemed to be Findings of Fact, they are incorporated into these Findings of Fact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- To the extent that any Findings of Fact are deemed to be Conclusions of Law, they are incorporated into these Conclusions of Law.
- 2. This Court's jurisdiction is based on 26 U.S.C. § 7402(a) and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1340 and 1345.



- 3. Venue lies within the Central District of California as the district in which the defendant resides. 28 U.S.C. § 1396.
- 4. A taxpayer's "last known address" for the purposes of 26 U.S.C. § 6212(b) is "the taxpayer's last-permanent address or legal residence known by the Commissioner or the last known temporary address of a definite duration to which the taxpayer has directed the Commissioner to send all communications." Alta Sierra Vista, Inc. v. Commissioner, 62 T.C. 367 (1974). aff'd mem., 538 F.2d 334, (9th Cir. 1976).
- 5. Section 6212(b) does not provide
 that the Commissioner must send notice to
 the taxpayer's actual current address. All
 the Commissioner must do is send the notice
 of deficiency to the address which he reasonably believes is the taxpayer's current
 address. The Commissioner must exercise
 "reasonable diligence" in ascertaining the



taxpayer's actual address but "he is entitled to treat the address appearing on a taxpayer's return as the last known in the absence of clear and concise notification from the taxpayer directing the Commissioner to use a different address." Alta Sierra Vista, supra, at 374. Thus, the Commissioner must only send notice which is reasonably calculated to reach the taxpayer, but which need not actually reach the taxpayer.

- 6. The burden is on the taxpayer to keep the Commissioner advised of his current address. <u>Id</u>.
- 7. In this case, the Commissioner's reasonable knowledge of defendant's last known address on June 11, 1973 was from defendant's 1970 federal income tax return since defendant did not file a tax return in 1971 and filed his 1972 tax return in 1974. Defendant's 1970 federal income tax return listed defendant's address as 902

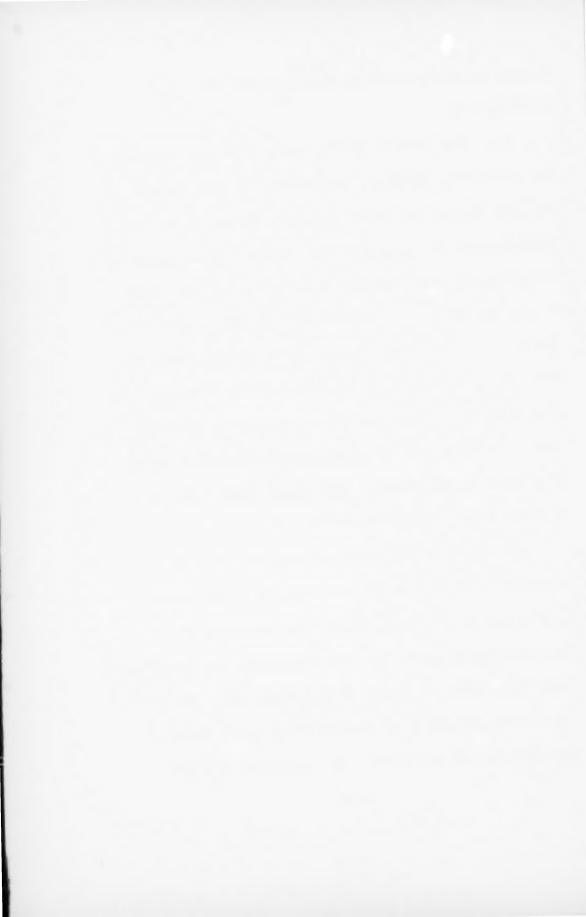
North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

- 8. The visit of Revenue Officer Leslie on July 25, 1972 to defendant's residence at 303 North La Peer Avenue, Beverly Hills, California to collect delinquent employment taxes does not impute knowledge on the Audit Division of this address of defendant's.

 Kuebler v. Commissioner, 1979 425 Tax Ct.

 Mem. Dec. (P.-H.) ¶ 79.095 (1979) (Collection division's knowledge of taxpayer's current address does not charge audit division with the same knowledge). See also Alta Sierra

 Vista, supra, at 376-377.
- 9. In the absence of copies of the statutory notices of deficiency, the Commissioner may prove that the necessary notices were sent to the taxpayer by proffering Post Office Form 3877. Form 3877 shows that the notices of deficiency were sent by certified mail to the taxpayer's last



known address. United States v. Ahrens,
530 F.2d 781 (8th Cir. 1976). The forms
submitted by plaintiff in this case satisfactorily prove that plaintiff sent defendant the necessary notices.

dational support" for defendant's deficiency determination and, therefore, a "presumption of correctness" attaches to it. Weimerskirch v. Commissioner, 596 F.2d 358 (9th Cir. 1979). The burden was on the defendant to prove that the plaintiff's tax assessment is erroneous. He has not carried that burden and has failed to show that a genuine issue of material fact exists with respect to his liability for his unpaid 1968 and 1969 federal income tax liabilities.

DATED: June 28, 1982

/s/ Mariana R. Pfaelzer

Mariana R. Pfaelzer
United States District Judge



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	NO. CV 79-4309-MRP		
Plaintiff,	SUMMARY JUDGMENT FOR		
vs.	THE TAXABLE YEARS		
EDWARD M. ZOLLA,	1968 and 1969		
Defendant.			

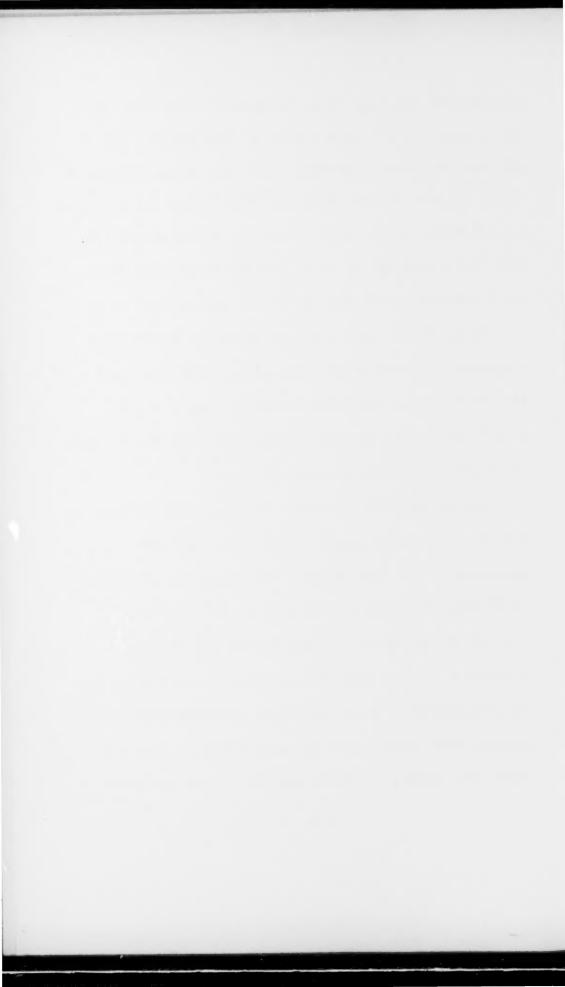
On September 11, 1980, this Court entered partial summary judgment in favor of the



plaintiff against the defendant for the taxable years 1974 and 1975 in the amount of \$7,088.85 plus accrued interest from August 2, 1980 to the entry date at the daily rate of \$1.49 plus costs and interest thereafter on the full amount of the judgment at the rate of 7 percent per annum until satisfied.

This Court now having granted summary judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant for the taxable years 1968 and 1969, and having filed herewith findings of fact and conclusions of law.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that for the taxable years 1968 and 1969 the plaintiff, United States of America, recover from the defendant, Edward M. Zolla, the sum of \$124,965.77 (consisting of unpaid assessed income taxes, interest and penalties of \$75,660.77, plus accrued, unassessed interest and penalties as provided by law to June 25, 1982, of \$49,305.00) plus accrued



interest from June 26, 1982, to the date of entry of this judgment at the daily rate of \$34.56 plus its costs of suit of _____.

Interest on the full amount of this judgment shall accrue at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum until satisfied.

DATED: This 28 day of June, 1982.

/s/ Mariana R. Pfaelzer

MARIANA R. PFAELZER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

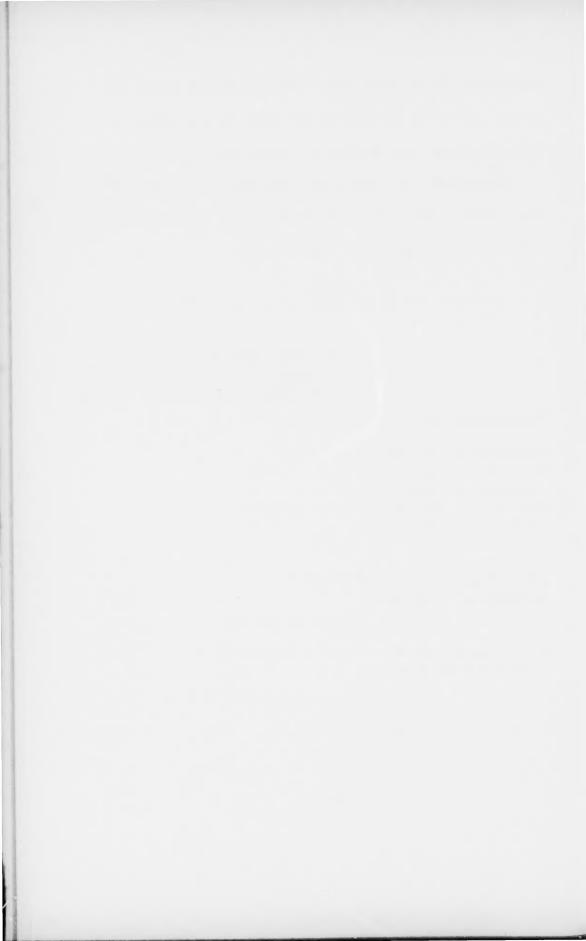
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, R. H. Wyshak, a member of the bar of this
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hereby certify that I served the within
Supplemental Appendix by mailing
three copies to the Solicitor General,
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